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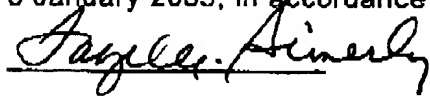
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Sir:

Responsive to the teleconference between the undersigned and Examiner Nguyen today, January 5, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendment to claim 6, originally submitted in a fax to SPE Hofsass on September 30, 2004, and evidently entered, at least in part, by Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Action mailed November 24, 2004, places the present application in condition for allowance. That amendment is repeated below of the Examiner's convenience.

Indeed, Examiner Nguyen agreed that he would favorably consider the previously-submitted amendment to the claims and the present argument. Specifically, the references of record Brunetti et al., Sansone et al. and McEntee, to not teach or suggest, individually or collectively, a method as currently defined by the amended claims and specifically do not teach or suggest the claimed methods having the step of "moving said second cart to said proximate end of said scanning device so that trays in said second cart can be passed through said scanning device at said proximate end." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the previously-submitted amendment places the present application in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

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